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WATERMARKING

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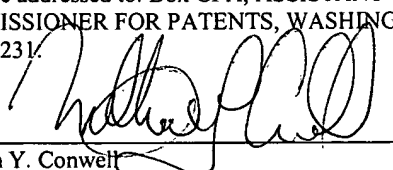
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Final Action mailed June 21, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the Related Application Data paragraph at page 1, lines 4-9, as follows:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/130,624, filed August 6, 1998 (now Patent 6,324,573), which is a continuation of application 08/508,083 (now Patent 5,841,978). This application is also a continuation-in part of copending application 09/314,648, filed May 19, 1999 (attached as Appendix A). This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending provisional application 60/134,782, also filed May 19, 1999 (attached as Appendix B). This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/292,569, filed April 15, 1999, which is a non-provisional of application 60/082,228, filed April 16, 1998.

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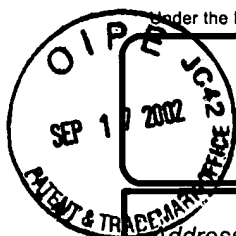
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 342.971,
filed on June 29, 1999, entitled ADVERTISING EMPLOYING WATERMARKING

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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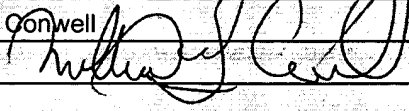
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